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SUBJECT: PROPOSED NMTBA SYMPOSIUM/TRADE MISSION TO PRC

PEKING FOR WILLIAM W. THOMAS ECON/COMM OFFICER

1. JAMES GRAY, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL MACHINE TOOL BUILDER'S ASSOCIATION (NMTBA) HAS ADVISED THE BUREAU OF EAST-WEST TRADE THAT MACHIMPEX HAS INVITED NMTBA TO ARRANGE

A SYMPOSIUM/TRADE MISSION IN PEKING CONSISTING OF 15 COMPANIES FOR 10 WORKING DAYS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 17, 1975. GRAY HAS ALSO REQUESTED THE GROUP TO BE DESIGNATED OFFICIALLY AS AN IOGA (INDUSTRY-ORGANIZED GOVERNMENT-APPROVED) TRADE MISSION.

2. BEFORE THE DOC CAN ACCORD IOGA STATUS TO THE MISSION, YOUR CONCURRENCE IS NEEDED ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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A. THAT THE STAFF OF THE USLO WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE

A MISSION OF 18 PERSONS (ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH OF THE 15 FIRMS PLUS GRAY AND MAFFUID OF THE NMTBA STAFF PLUS CLARKE FROM DOC/BEWT FOR THE PROPOSED PERIOD;

B. THAT MACHIMPEX IS SUFFICIENTLY INTERESTED IN THE MISSION TO ASSURE MARKET OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PRC FOR THE

U.S. PARTICIPANTS.

YOUR PROMPT RESPONSE TO THESE POINTS WILL BE APPRECIATED.

FYI. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL HAS ADVISED BEWT THAT IT HAD BROUGHT UP THE NMTBA PROPOSAL DURING THE RECENT CCPIT VISIT. KISSINGER

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